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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: EARLY WARNING: CUARA RIVER HYDROELECTRIC  
PROJECT

1. C.A. DE ADMINISTRACION Y FOMENTO ELECTRICO (CADAFE), THE  
GOV ELECTRIC POWER UTILITY, HAS SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH A LOCAL  
ENGINEERING FIRM FOR THE EXECUTION OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR  
A LARGE HYDRO-ELECTRIC FACILITY ON THE CAURA RIVER,  
APPROXIMATELY 250 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE CONFLUENCE OF THE  
CAURA WITH THE ORINOCO. THE CONTRACT IS VALUED AT BS. 26.7  
MILLIONS, AND CALLS FOR THE STUDY TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 25  
MONTHS.

2. THE CONTRACTING FIRM IS OFICINA CONSULTORA DE INGENIERIA  
Y DESARROLLO C.A. (OCOIDEA), APARTADO DEL ESTE 62486, CARACAS  
106, VENEZUELA. OCOIDEA'S PRESIDENT IS DR. ALFONZO BARBOSA  
MORAN.

3. THE CAURA RIVER PROJECT WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER STUDY FOR  
SEVERAL YEARS, IS EXPECTED TO BE REALIZED TOWARDS THE END OF  
THE DECADE OF THE 1980'S. THE DAM'S PROJECTED GENERATION  
POTENTIAL IS 4 MILLION KW, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE NEEDED  
ONCE THE POWER TO BE GENERATED BY THE FINAL PHASE OF THE GURI  
DAM IS FULLY UTILIZED.

4. A "PRE-PROJECT" STUDY, WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF BS. 22  
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MILLION, IS TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FEASIBILITY STUDY

IS COMPLETED.

5. US. ENGINEERING COMPANIES POTENTIALLY INTERESTED IN LATER  
PHASES OF THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE URGED TO CONTACT OCOIDES A TO  
ESTABLISH AN EARLY AQUAINTANCE.

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